

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
Application No. 09/902,957

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to delete SSZ-25 from the group of molecular sieve catalysts.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Summary of Status of Amendments and Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 12 are pending in the application and presently stand rejected. Claims 1 and 12 are herein amended. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4, and 12 are presently pending in the application, claims 1 and 12 being independent.

Response to the Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a))

In the Office Action dated May 19, 2003, claims 1, 2, 4, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holterman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,149,894) alone, or alternatively, in view of Ward et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,185,040).

It is respectfully submitted that the combinations and restrictions of the invention presently claimed are neither anticipated by nor obvious with respect to the disclosures of Holterman et al or Ward et al. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections.

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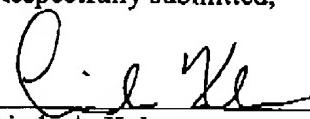
CONCLUSION

For the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims patentably define Applicants' invention. Entry of this Amendment and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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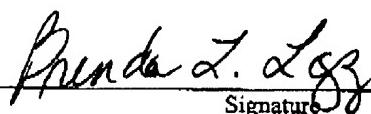


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